



County of Placer
Fish and Game Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

6:00 PM, Wednesday, February 22, 2017

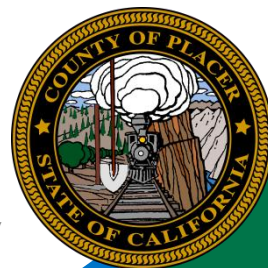
Placer County Planning Commission Hearing Room

3091 County Center Drive, Auburn, CA

County Contact: Ed King

1. **Call to Order** – Kari Freidig
2. **Roll Call**
Present: Fowler, Freidig, Flanagan, Husmann, Victorine
Absent: Gould, Daniels
3. **Approval of February 22, 2017 Agenda & January 25, 2017 Minutes**
Agenda: Fowler/Flanagan/MPUV
Minutes: Flanagan/Freidig/MPUV
4. **Public Comment:** Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Game Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. **No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment.**
None.
5. **Financial Report**
Expenditures through January totaled \$6,928, which includes \$4,800 in grant awards. Court fines and penalty assessments through January totaled \$598, \$276 of which came in January.
6. **Agency Reports:**
 - A. Commissioner Reports
Freidig – CDFW Wildlife Officers were recently recognized for outstanding acts and achievements. Adam Kraft was awarded National Wild Turkey Federation Wildlife Officer of the Year and CDFW Trainer of the Year.
 - B. State Fish & Game Commission Subcommittee: Fowler
 - You can help save California's native plant and animal species when you file your state income tax return by making a voluntary contribution to the Rare and Endangered Species Preservation Program and /or the California Sea Otter Fund.
 - Wild Turkey season runs March 25- April 30. The archery-only season will follow immediately afterward, running from May 1-14.
 - C. Land Use Subcommittee: Gould
Gould absent - no updates.
 - D. Department of Fish & Wildlife – Adam Kraft
Kraft absent - no updates.

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E. Nevada Irrigation District and Placer County Water Agency

NID: All reservoirs are spilling and will continue to do so well into spring/early summer. There will be no issues with making deliveries this year. February is on track to be the second or third wettest February at Bowman. Received slightly over 30" in February and over 100" total to date.

PCWA: Middle Fork Project reservoirs are full and spilling.

7. Information Item:

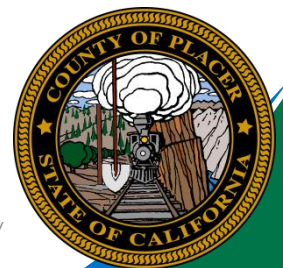
Guest Speaker

Roy Bridgman, U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Biologist, presented a slide show and spoke about local wildlife projects on the American River Ranger District.

Current Projects:

- **Vegetation Management** - Focuses on fire suppression, timber thinning, mitigating beetle-kill as well as replanting in previous burn areas. Last year over 7000 acres were planted of mixed trees including cedar, pine and fir.
- **Habitat Restoration** - Often part of a larger project by creating habitat through nesting structures, removal of invasive species, closing roads, prescribed burning, meadow restoration, improving fish passage by removing or resizing culverts and reducing disturbance.
- **OHV Management** - One of the biggest projects this year: The Big Sugar Project looks at motorized trail repairs, adding or re-routing trails.
- **Fires** - Fire prevention includes controlled burning, weed control and thinning of trees such as oaks and aspen.
- **Research** - Collecting information on how the projects affect local wildlife including owl demography and wildlife crossings such as underpass tunnels, overpasses and viaducts.
- **Data** - Lidar (Light Detection and Ranging) is an airborne laser scanning development used in forestry management. The technology is used for habitat monitoring of wildlife spread over large geographic areas like the spotted owl; allowing biologists to interpret the vegetation data layers to determine spotted owl nesting habitat and plan surveys.

Seasonal crews also conduct numerous surveys on local wildlife such as spotted owls, goshawks, bald eagles, ospreys, frogs, fish, insects and carnivores. Other projects include creating owl nesting in cedar snags and installing bat gates in old mine openings.





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8. Action Items:

A. Consider options for obtaining business cards for Fish & Game Commissioners

Motion to table the business card discussion for further research.

MOTION: Fowler/Freidig

AYES: Fowler, Freidig, Husmann, Victorine

NOES: Flanagan

ABSENT: Daniels, Gould

B. Select addition members to serve on the Land Use Subcommittee

Motion to nominate Scott Husmann to the Land Use Subcommittee.

MOTION: Freidig/Flanagan/MPUV

9. Adjournment

7:50 p.m.

